

**Council of Graduate School Programs  
Loyola University Chicago  
Regular Meeting  
Friday, February 16, 2007  
Lewis Towers, Room 1536, WTC**

**MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Ana Bedard (student), Kenneth Byron, Anthony Cardoza, Pamela Caughie, David Crumrine, Andrew Cutrofello, Stephen Doty, Pamela Fenning, Anne Figert, Paul Giblin (for Robert Ludwig), Terry Grande, Andrew Harrington, Nancy Hogan, Jacqueline Long, Jon Nilson, Kayhan Parsi, Robert Roemer, Peter Sanchez, Grace Scrimgeour (student), George K. Thiruvathukal, Anita Thomas (for Suzette Speight), Karen Visick, Terry E. Williams, Alan Wolfe.

**Members Excused:** Lydia DonCarlos, Olympia Gonzalez, Marilyn Krogh, Mary Manteuffel, Suzette Speight.

**Members Not Present:** Antoine Aubeneau (student), Janis Fine, Robert Halpern, Holly Kramer, James Keenan, Ameet Kini, E.J. Neafsey, Terry Northcut, Lou Rizzo (student), Diane Suter, Nancy Zeleznik-Le.

**Graduate School Deans Present:** Samuel Attoh, Nicole Lassahn, Frederick Wezeman.

**Graduate School Deans Excused:** Patricia Mooney-Melvin

**Call to Order**

Dr. George Thiruvathukal, Chair of the Council, called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

**Approval of the Minutes**

Dr. Thiruvathukal asked if there were any revisions to the draft of the minutes of the November 17, 2006 regular meeting. There was one. Linda Paskiewicz attended for Nancy Hogan. *The Council approved the minutes with the revision.*

**Chair's Report**

Dr. Thiruvathukal asked for a volunteer to chair the Awards Committee but none was forthcoming.

**Dean's Report**

Dr. Samuel Attoh discussed admissions and stressed the importance of diversity. He reviewed the status of the NRC process, thanked all those involved for their participation, and reported that Loyola's level of participation exceeded the national average. The Dean introduced the CGS PhD. Completion Project and the Yardley visitation.

**Awards Committee**

No report.

**By-Laws Committee**

The report was postponed because the material had not been pre-circulated.

**Curriculum Committee**

The Curriculum Committee recommended approval of the English Department Proposal. *The Council approved the proposal by unanimous voice vote.*

**Program Committee**

Monitors for the Chemistry Department review and the Criminal Justice Department review presented their reports. Discussion ensued.

**Open Discussion**

Council members discussed strategies that would exert a long-term impact on the health of the Graduate School and the need for strategic planning. Interdisciplinarity and internationalization were two of the topics which received particular attention.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:46 p.m.